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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 20, 2005 requiring restriction of the claims, applicant herein elects the invention of Group I Claims 1-5 drawn to a method of separating a strip of semi-compliant material into discrete portions.

Respectfully submitted,

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